



RD Collaborates to Facilitate Economic Development & Create Jobs

How Rural Development Helped:

As reported by Clearwater Economic Development Association, Inc.:

USDA has been an intrinsic partner in many economic development projects undertaken by the Clearwater Economic Development Association in North Central Idaho.

In recent years, CEDA has focused efforts to bolster the local manufacturing industry in response to steady growth and the availability of living wage jobs in this sector. (See Award No. 1. below) USDA has been a key player in efforts to expand the region's cluster of jet boat builders to international markets (See Award No. 2. and 3. below) and to accelerate growth in the region's metal supercluster – composed of jet boat builders, ammunition and firearms makers, manufacturers of equipment for distributing and managing electrical power and various machine shops and equipment makers. (See Award No. 1. below)



One of CEDA's most notable successes in recent years was the development of the Craig Mountain Business Park in the City of Craigmont, also heavily supported by USDA programs. (See Award No. 4. below)

In 2007, Hydraulic Warehouse, Inc. expressed a need for a consistent supply of quality parts. At the same time, the company faced increasing costs to import those parts from China. The company's owners wanted to stay in North Central Idaho and worked with CEDA to find a solution.

Ultimately, CEDA purchased an 18-acre sawmill site in Craigmont and reinvented it as the Craig Mountain Business Park. Ende Machine & Foundry, supplier to Hydraulic Warehouse, became the anchor tenant with a 26,500 sq. ft. industrial building. (See Award No. 5. below) Today, Ende Machine & Foundry, a lost foam foundry, employs

approximately 12 people and produces, from locally generated waste materials, parts that were previously imported from China.

Camas Post & Pole Yard is a second tenant in the park, which creates products of value from local lumber resources that would also otherwise be considered waste materials.

USDA's Rural Business Enterprise Grant program funded a feasibility study when CEDA first began the Craig Mountain Business Park project. (See Award No. 4. below) Once the feasibility of the project was determined, USDA Intermediary Relending Program funds and, in a separate transaction, Rural Business Enterprise Grant Revolving Loan Funds were used to help finance the opening of Ende Machine & Foundry.

The Results: (Narrative)

This is but one example of how USDA worked with a local economic development agency – and countless other partners – to create a viable business park and job growth in a small town that desperately needed it in the wake of the Great Recession and declining employment in other industries.

Fast Facts:

Obligation Amount: Program Recipient, obligation amounts and Fiscal Year of obligation as follows:

Award	Year of Obligation/				
No.	Program Recipient	Program	Amount	Disbursement	Note
1.	CEDA	RBOG	\$80,000	2013/2014	A.
2.	Port of Clarkston	RBEG	\$15,000	2013/2014	
3.	Port of Clarkston	RBEG	\$7,500	2013/2014	
4.	City of Craigmont	RBEG	\$20,000	2012	
5.	CEDA	IRP	\$150,000	2013	B.

Note:

A. CEDA = Clearwater Economic Development Association, Inc.

B. IRP Ultimate Recipient: Ende Machine

Congressional District: Congressman Labrador, District 1

Addition Funding Partners, If Applicable: CEDA, Port of Clarkston, City of Craigmont.

Area of Impact (Demographics): Camas County and North Central Idaho